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SUBJ: BRITISH FIRM WINS MICROWAVE IN UAE

1. UAE MINISTRY INFORMATION HAS AWARDED GEC COMMUNICATIONS LTD. (U.K.) FIVE MILLION DOLLAR TURNKEY PROJECT FOR INSTALLATION OF MICROWAVE SYSTEM TO COVER ENTIRE UAE. SYSTEM SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN TWENTY-TWO MONTHS AND WILL PROVIDE THREE CHANNELS: ONE FOR TELEVISION; ONE FOR RADIO-TELEPHONE (960 TELEPHONE CHANNELS); AND ONE FOR BACK-UP.

2. WHEN PROJECT COMPLETED, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WILL BE ABLE TO RELAY TV PROGRAMS TO ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY. THIS SYSTEM WILL JOIN THE ALREADY COMPLETED ABU DHABI AL-AIN RELAY SYSTEM BUILT BY NEC OF JAPAN.

3. THIS PROJECT PART OF MAJOR EXPANSION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IN UAE. DUBAI NOW OPERATING TWO TV STATIONS (ONE COLOR) AND ABU DHABI'S COLOR TC (WITH NEC EQUIPMENT) BEGAN OPERATION WITH COVERAGE OF UAE NATIONAL DAY CEREMONY DECEMBER 2.

4. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED NO BIDS FROM U.S. FIRMS FOR THIS PROJECT, ALTHOUGH THREE WERE INVITED: RAYTHEON; COLLINS RADIO (RICHARDSON, TEXAS); AND FARINON

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ELECTRIC (SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA). EMBASSY WAS SURPRISED

THAT U.S. FIRMS DID NOT ANSWER MINISTRY INVITATION AT
LEAST TO EXPLAIN THEIR LACK OF INTEREST IN PROJECT.
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